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Examiner's amendment is attached to this communication due to minor changes are made to the specification. There is no changes for the reason of allowance that are previously mailed on May 8, 2007.

MARY D. CHEUNG  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In line 13 page 3 of the specification, the phrase "of claim 1" has been deleted";  
In line 23 page 3 of the specification, the phrase "of claim 12" has been deleted";  
In line 4 page 4 of the specification, the phrase "of claim 20" has been deleted";  
In line 12 page 4 of the specification, the phrase "of claim 28" has been deleted";  
In line 21 page 4 of the specification, the phrase "of claim 33" has been deleted";  
In line 6 page 5 of the specification, the phrase "of claim 38" has been deleted";  
In line 18 page 5 of the specification, the phrase "of claim 43" has been deleted";  
In line 4 page 6 of the specification, the phrase "of claim 49" has been deleted";  
In line 17 page 63 of the specification, the phrase "of claim 57" has been deleted";

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 43-44, 47-50 and 54-60 are pending and are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of Stefik (US 5,638,443) teaches a system for controlling use and distribution of composite digital works. A digital work is comprised of a description part and a content part. The description part contains control information for the composite digital work. The content part stores the actual digital data comprising

the composite digital work. A repository processes each request to access a composite digital work by examining the usage rights for each individual digital work found in the description part of the composite digital work.

In regarding to independent claims 43, 49 and 57, Stefik taken either individually or in combination with other prior art of record fails to teach or suggest checking a security for an electronic use right when compressed and/or encrypted contents data is to be reproduced, wherein said electronic use right includes an encryption type, an error correction code, and a software for decoding encryption.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Inquire***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mary Cheung whose telephone number is (571)-272-6705. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Thursday from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell, can be reached on (571) 272-6712.

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The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceedings is assigned are as follows:

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Mary Cheung  
July 14, 2007



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